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Dr. Brockway McMillan
Director
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Brock:

I have just returned from an extended trip to find your letter of 23 March to Bud Wheelon who is currently also on an extended trip abroad. Your suggestion that we discuss the various advanced projects under way in support of the National Reconnaissance Program is most timely and, if agreeable to you, we will plan to hold such a discussion upon Bud's return.

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You are, of course, aware of the various projects of an advanced nature currently funded in Fiscal Year 1964 by NRO, [redacted] advanced satellite projects, [redacted] for advanced aircraft projects and [redacted] for Eastman Kodak's R&D program. These 1964 efforts are considered to be minimal in relation to requirements and are planned for moderate increase in FY 1965 as reflected in the NRO "black book."

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In addition to the above, CIA undertakes with its own money certain advanced projects having a direct bearing on the Agency's capability to carry out its intelligence mission, but which concurrently are in indirect support to the NRP. I refer to numerous ELINT efforts undertaken by our Office of ELINT, proprietary efforts in such areas as data reduction and radar cross section studies which may have some value to future NRO programs, and other sub-systems development programs.

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We are also anxious to cover in our discussions the dollar and anticipated contract levels of the various NRO program elements wherein this Agency's special authorities, security and contract channels will be employed. Decisions on these matters or other follow-on programs as

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may be decided upon have a direct bearing upon CIA planning of budget and manpower requirements for NRO support in FY 1965, and it is most important that we have an early session on this aspect of NRO planning.

Bud is expected back on 27 April, and we can then discuss these matters in depth shortly thereafter.

Faithfully yours,

[Signed] Marshall S. Carter

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Deputy Director

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March 23, 1964

Dear Bud,

In preparation for the programming for Fiscal Year 1965, we are in the process of completing an inventory of all advanced planning of all projects within the NRP. We must be in a position to insure the comprehensive integration of all applicable work and capabilities of the several agencies which support the NRO in the conduct of the NRP. In this connection, I would appreciate a resume of any DDS&T in-house studies and investigations, and contract work, pertaining or applicable to the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program or its objectives. Such a resume should include a brief description of the work, its current status, costs and schedule.

It would be very much appreciated if this information could be provided by the 6th of April. I suggest that we arrange to discuss the inventory of the various projects underway sometime during the week of 6 April.

Sincerely,

Signed

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Director
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